

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1138 - SB 1189

March 14, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the West Tennessee River Basin Flood Resiliency Act. Establishes the West Tennessee River Basin Authority Flooding Resiliency Fund (Fund). Such Fund is a special fund within the General Fund. Requires that all appropriations made in the General Appropriations Act or in any other act, for the purpose of funding any projects or efforts for which the Fund is established, be deposited in the Fund. Monies in the Fund shall not revert to the General Fund, but be carried forward. Requires that funds received from the following sources be deposited and held in the Fund:

1. Revenues collected from education and training activities performed by the authority, including certification and general education training for activities related to water resource management;
2. All donations received by the authority from private sources for the purpose of flood resiliency; and
3. Flood resiliency income of the authority from floodplain restoration activities that generate mitigation revenue such as stream and wetland credits.

Authorizes a county mayor's designee to be a member of the West Tennessee River Basin Authority's Board of Directors, in the place of the respective county mayor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the West Tennessee River Basin Authority (WTRBA), created under Tenn. Code Ann. § 64-1-1101, currently has three main accounts: operations, maintenance, and county funds.
- The operations account is a combination of state appropriations and revenue from county funds and other sources like grants but does not carry-forward.
- The maintenance is state appropriations only and cannot receive revenue from other sources but it does roll forward.
- The county funds account is non-state dollars and is used to contribute to the operations account to the tune of \$500,000 - \$600,000 per year, depending on salary expenses. This account cannot receive money from the other the other two accounts.

- Based on information from TDEC, this legislation will have no significant impact on operations or overall state or local funding.
- This legislation will require certain appropriation and other private and local funding to shift from existing funds to the newly created Fund.
- Any consolidation, or shifting of funds from one account to the next will have no significant impact on the amount of funds received from current, various sources, nor the amount of expenditures that would have been incurred in the absence of this legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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